IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Richard MERTENS, *et al.*   Examiner: Johnson, Edward.
Serial No.: 10/721,821   Group Art Unit: 1754
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For: **SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS, PREPARATION
   THEREOF AND USE THEREOF**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

  Responsive to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement mailed January 12, 2007,

Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of Claims 1-37 and 54-70 for prosecution on the

merits in connection with the above-identified application. Please withdraw the remaining non-

elected claims of Group II (claims 38-53) from consideration at this time without prejudice to

Applicants' right to file a divisional application thereon.

  In addition, please provide a one-month extension-of-time up to and including March 12,

2007 to answer the Office Action as provided for in 37 CFR 1.136.

  The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any questions arise.

Please charge the one-month extension of time fee in the amount of $120 to Deposit

Account No. 502190. If any additional fees for the accompanying response are required,

the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.

Respectfully submitted,

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